

IN MEMORIAM

REED C. ROLLINS
1911–1998

Reed C. Rollins, the Asa Gray Professor of Systematic Botany Emeritus at Harvard University, and director of the Gray Herbarium from 1948 to 1978, died April 28, He was 86.

Born in Lyman, Wyoming, Rollins graduated with honors from the University of Wyoming, received his master's degree from Washington State University, and his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1941. A member of the Society of Fellows from 1937 to 1940, he joined Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences in 1948. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and many professional societies.

Before coming to Harvard, Rollins served as associate professor of biology at Stanford University and as a geneticist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He worked on the Emergency Guayule Rubber Research Project for the U.S.D.A. during World War II. His research covered many areas in taxonomy and genetics, but the primary focus of his work was on the mustard family, Brassicaceae.

He leaves his wife Kathryn; a daughter, Linda White, of Hingham, Massachusetts; a son, Richard, of Portland, Oregon; stepdaughters Sydney Roby of Baltimore, Maryland, and Helen Roby of Toronto, Ontario; a brother, Dr. S. P. Rollins of Phoenix, Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Allene Carter of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on May 22 in Appleton Chapel in the Memorial Church at Harvard University.